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THE Second Congressional District should be represented by a Republican because it is really a Republican district. But for a number of years the Republican party has met defeat by putting up weak men, men who, with but few exceptions, failed to carry their own county. In the name of St. Peter, what kind of political sagacity do you call that. The Republican battle line in the Second Congressional District is strewn with wrecks caused by the egregious mistakes of the leaders of the party. It is high time that real, true blue, tried and true Congressional timber is found and put up instead of straw men incapable of beating their opponent on their own stamping ground. The gathering of Republicans of the Second Congressional District at Sacramento on the 4th and 5th of next month will, no doubt, tend to arouse and enthuse the party. It is to be hoped that the meeting will result in something more than lip labor, and that steps will be taken then and there which will lead in the direction of a Republican candidate for Congress strong enough, at least, to carry his own county. It will take a good man to defeat DeVries, but it can be accomplished and will be if due care is taken in the selection of a candidate.

SECRETARY GAGE does not pose as a humorist, but the manner in which he outwitted the New York newspaper, which sought cheap advertising by bringing a Porto Rican laborer under contract to that city, was a bit of official humor that was relished the country over. Knowing the only object in bringing the man from Porto Rico was advertising for the paper, Secretary Gage exercised his authority and ordered that the man be permitted to land in New York, and to work under his contract until further notice, instead of refusing to allow him to land and giving the paper the opportunity to take the case into court. There is already a case before the U. S. Supreme Court involving the question of whether the Constitution extends to Porto Rico, and if the decision in that case is not conclusive, others can easily be made without advertising any private business. Secretary Gage deserves credit for heading off that advertising scheme. The courts are not maintained for advertising purposes, even though theatrical stars do sometimes succeed in utilizing them for self-advertisement.

THE Dewey cat is now out of the bag scratching gravel in full sight of everybody. Those Democrats who have hopes of keeping Mr. Bryan out of the democratic nomination are simply working the Manila hero for all there is in it. Doubtless the Admiral expects to get the democratic nomination. Horace Greeley expected the same thing and he got it, but it proved to be the most disastrous thing that ever happened to him. It will result the same in Dewey's case if he should receive the nomination. In our opinion Dewey has no more chance of being nominated by the Kansas City convention than Grover Cleveland has. Admiral Dewey has taken advice that will end in bringing him great humiliation. Bryanites are already adding gall to that humiliation by suggesting that Dewey may possibly be given the nomination for Vice-President on the Bryan ticket.

THE surplus in the Treasury is piling up rapidly. It now exceeds \$53,000,000 for the three-quarters of the fiscal year, ending March 31st. Dispatches intimate that President McKinley is considering the advisability of asking Congress to reduce the internal revenue taxes, which were imposed on account of the war with Spain. Our Democratic friends who have been predicting a deficit in the Treasury should pocket the chagrin this excellent showing causes them with good grace. It is a bitter pill, but they must swallow it. This is a grand showing for Republican statesmanship and administrative ability although not surprising to Republicans. It is simply the sort of showing the Republicans have a habit of making.

PRESIDENT McKinley's order relieving Gen. Otis of the command of the Philippines, whenever Gen. Otis pleases to start home, and designating Maj. General MacArthur to succeed him was issued solely in compliance with the wishes of Gen. Otis, and was accompanied by a statement of the President's regrets that Gen. Otis had asked, on account of his health, to be allowed to come home. As a mark of his appreciation of the good work done by Gen. Otis, the President has authorized him to select the route by which he will return, just as he did for Dewey when he came home.

THE LEDGER suggests the name of Alfonso Ginocchio for Supervisor of this district. There is not a better man for the important position in the county. No man stands higher in the community, and no man in the district will perform the duty better or be more conscientious in his every official act. Alfonso Ginocchio is the man.

A GAUNT FAMINE IN INDIA

Reminds Us of the Needs of Our Natives.

THE SAD PLIGHT OF THE ARIZONA INDIANS

Friendly and Industrious Arizona Indians Are Destitute and Starving—Irrigation.

The cry of distress has gone up from famine stricken India and the civilized world is about to reach forth a helping hand to relieve in part the misery caused through lack of rainfall. America as usual is foremost in such work, and already many subscriptions have been started and many contributions received. Probably every religious journal in the land is receiving money from generous Americans who have been stirred to pity by the accounts of the terrible wastes existing in the far eastern peninsula.

Yet, while those noble men and women who assist the wretches of India are putting a hand down into a far distant land, they might probably with the other hand draw forth a contribution or exert their influence in behalf of a people in our very midst who are reduced to want starvation, and this, too, through the fault of the great government of the free United States.

On the Gila Indian Reservation, at Sacaton, Arizona, live eight thousand Pimas and Papago Indians and here they are known to have lived four hundred years, probably, however, owning the land farming it before the white man set foot in America, their annual crops of maize and vegetables assured by the waters which they diverted from the Rio Gila. Yet today they stand robbed of their natural birthright and reduced to starvation through the rapacity of the white settler in draining the Gila above the Reservation, and the criminality of the American nation in neglecting to provide for them—their waste.

Nor have these Indians been troublesome to the government. On the contrary they have always been real friends of the whites and have rendered invaluable service to our troops in their campaigns against the treacherous Apaches. Today one thousand of the Pimas have given up their savage customs and are educated members of Christian churches. By long residence, occupation and use they have a prior right to the water from the Gila river wherewith they have always irrigated their little farms. Does not their case appeal strongly to every American who is preparing to assist the destitute of far lands? Is it not the part of every citizen of this Republic to use his influence in the direction of making provision for these faithful Indians. A demand by American citizens to see simply justice done them would be no expression of a sickly spinster sentiment bawling the cruel treatment of the American Indians, such as has overtaken treacherous and murdering bands of Red men; for as stated these natives of the soil have always been friendly to the whites, their boast being that their hands have never been stained with white men's blood.

The destitute condition of the Pimas is no new story. Their poverty has been increasing year by year and the authorities have stood by and allowed their irrigation water taken from them. The Government Engineer Corps has pointed out the solution of the problem through the construction of a storage reservoir on the Gila which will supply water not only for the Pimas and the Papagos, but for thousands of other Indians whom the government could then move to this reservation and commence the process of education and agricultural civilization.

For years Congress has been urged to authorize the construction of this reservoir according to the official surveys made, but yet no action has been taken. Should Congress take this question up now and act on it, the relief would be immediate, for these Indians are industrious and could be at once employed on the work of construction. The government of India, during famine years, provides "Relief work." Why should not Congress in this little instance pursue a like method?

The suffering in India touches the generous American's heart, the pitiful condition of the Cuban reconcentrados set on foot measures for their immediate relief. Shall the condition of the Arizona Indians, brought about through American injustice, go unheeded, or will statesmen in Congress take a rightful action?

"I had dyspepsia for years. No medicine was so effective as Kodol Dyspepsia Cure. It gave immediate relief. Two bottles produced marvelous results," writes L. H. Warren, Albany, Wis. It digests what you eat and cannot fail to cure. City Pharmacy.

Do Not Overlook This
And purchase from some one else. Just received my spring and summer goods, which I carefully selected while in the city, and they are now ready for inspection. Come one, come all and get your first pick. I am also making a special sale of summer pants, valued at \$10, selling at \$7.50. Remember that this sale will only last for six weeks.

MAX LADAR,
4-6 tf The Tailor, Jackson, Cal.
Is a Good Thing.
Muddy complexion, nauseating breath come from chronic constipation. Karl's Clover Root Tea is an absolute cure and has been sold for fifty years on an absolute guarantee. Price 30c and 50c. For sale by A. Goldner, Druggist.

Ladies!
Ladies' fine corsets at 45 cents. Annual clearance sale at Red Front. 3-5

Fifty pieces of light figured calico, spring styles, new patterns, at 5 cents per yard, at the White House. 2-16 tf

THE SACRAMENTO STREET FAIR.

This Exposition Will Be of Great Benefit to Central California.

The Sacramento Street Fair and Trades Carnival will be held on the streets surrounding Capitol Park, Sacramento, California, during the entire week beginning April 30, 1900.

HOW IT WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED.

A monster out-of-door exposition, to consist of exhibits by merchants, by manufacturers, and by producers covering all the multifarious industries of Sacramento city and vicinity. To have a Midway, similar to that at the World's Fair, in which all the novel features it is possible to obtain in the way of amusements will be found. To have daily parades of various kinds; a battle of flowers and floral parade; free entertainments on the streets by high class artists at frequent intervals each day; many bands of music; magnificent electric illuminations and pyrotechnic displays at night; a Mardi Gras fete, and many other features not yet thought of.

Although the idea of a Street Fair is not new, this will be the first one given on the Coast.

THE MIDWAY ATTRACTIONS.

One of the greatest attractions of this big event will undoubtedly be the Midway. This, it is intended, shall run through Capitol Park, opposite Thirteenth street, from L to N streets. Being thus located in the center of the entire exposition, and all cross streets being for the week closed, visitors, to reach the Midway, will be compelled to pass the booths of exhibitors. While it is impossible at this early date to give the exact nature of the different Midway attractions, the following are a few of the features that it is expected will be secured. The Streets of Cairo with Turkish and Arab gun spinners, sword fighters and acrobats in games and sports of the Oriental races; a German village with Tyrolean singers, etc.; a Japanese theatre; a Filipino theatre; an Oriental theatre; a trained wild animal show; Indian village and Wild West show; a dog and cat show; a congress of International dancing girls; camels, elephants, ponies and burros on which the visitors may ride, etc.

PARADES, FREE FEATURES, ETC.

On the opening day it is intended to give a grand Industrial Trades Parade to be participated in by the merchants and manufacturers. On May day a beautiful Floral Parade and Battle of Roses will be given under the direction of the Native Sons and Native Daughters. On the closing day of the Fair a Fantastic Mardi Gras Carnival Parade will be given, to be followed at night by a gala masquerade ball. Other parades for each day will also be arranged later. The free street entertainments each day will consist of tight rope walking, specialty acts, singing, fancy dancing, band concerts, etc.

RAILROAD EXCURSIONS.

Arrangements are under way for special excursions to be run from all towns within a hundred and fifty miles radius of Sacramento, and it is believed that nearly forty thousand strangers will take advantage of the specially low rates to visit the city and attend the exposition.

Any further information desired can be obtained at the headquarters of the Street Fair Committee, in Room 9, Ochsner Building. Very respectfully,
SACRAMENTO STREET FAIR CLUB.

Rev. W. E. Sitzer, W. Canton, N. Y., writes, "I had dyspepsia over twenty years, and tried doctors and medicine, without benefit. I was persuaded to use Kodol Dyspepsia Cure and it helped me from the start. I believe it to be a panacea for all forms of indigestion." It digests what you eat. City Pharmacy.

SUPERIOR COURT.

Andrew Samsa et al. vs. Milton Beare et al.—Demurrer of Fayette Mace: overruled and defendant granted fifteen days to answer.

Sarah Nichols vs. Josiah Gundry, trustee—Trial had; plaintiff granted \$79.

Amador county vs. W. S. Gilbert—Bill of exceptions settled.

Application of Vera May Flumer for a writ of habeas corpus—Order granting writ.

Application of Charles Sydney Watkinson to change his name to Charles Sydney Violet—Hearing fixed for May 14th.

L. H. Frankenhelmer vs. D. McCall—Case transferred from San Joaquin county—Action to recover \$800.

Estate of C. Sutterly—Petition for probate of will by Bert Perkins; set for May 14th.

Estate of John B. Perano—Petition for probate of will by Druceleana Perano; set for May 14th.

Guardianship of Merande Leon et al.—Decree settling final account; petition for order to sell real estate; set for May 14th.

Estate of James W. Trask—Order appointing Sarah Trask administratrix.

Estate of Joseph S. Ryan—Decree settling final account and distributing estate.

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Horse and Buggy for Sale.
The undersigned will sell his horse and buggy at a very reasonable price. Terms cash. Call on or apply to Dr. C. A. Herrick, Jackson, Cal. 4-13 tf

Uncollected Letters.
Letters remaining unclaimed in the Jackson, Cal., Postoffice, for the week ending April 20, 1900:

William Vassosovich Bozo Orovin
Henry Wegener L. B. Sheaf
Domencio Meinardi K. Mikulichev
Mrs. William Lydell Mangini Domencio Claude Chagach Jose Canille

G. C. FOLGER, Postmaster.

Mrs. Calvin Zimmerman, Millsburg, Pa. says, "As a speedy cure for coughs, colds, croup and sore throat One Minute Cough Cure is unequalled. It is pleasant for children to take. I heartily recommend it to mothers." It is the only harmless remedy tested and proven to be effective. It cures bronchitis, pneumonia, croup and throat and lung diseases. It will prevent consumption. City Pharmacy.

G. W. Onan of Stockton, representing the San Francisco Chronicle, was in town a few days this week.

Peck's Addition now open for the sale of lots. These resident lots are the cream of the town. They are in town virtually, and yet up out of the dust and dirt. They are cheap. 3-21 tf

Train Service of Santa Fe Road.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 14.—The Santa Fe Company has appointed J. W. Walker superintendent in charge of the San Francisco and Point Richmond terminals and the company's equipment on the bay. Mr. Walker for several years has been employed in the office of Mr. Nevin at Los Angeles.

General Manager Agent, J. J. Bryne is preparing a schedule for the company's passenger train service between this city and Chicago. There is to be a limited train two or three days in the week and a daily overland train each way. The freight service will be inaugurated May 1st and the passenger service will begin May 15th.

President Ripley's latest statement shows that for the time from July 1, 1899, to February 28, 1900, the gross earnings were \$300,000,732,863. This is an increase of \$3,449,159 over the same period of the year before. Operating expenses aggregated \$19,570,371, which is a decrease of \$525,245 compared with a like period last year. Earnings in excess of operating expenses were \$12,154,483, an increase of \$3,974,404. The income from operation after deducting taxes and rentals was \$10,821,327.

Mrs. Harriet Evans, Hinsdale, Ill., writes, "I never fail to relieve my children from croup at once by using One Minute Cough Cure. I would not feel safe without it." Quickly cures coughs, colds, grippe and all throat and lung disease. City Pharmacy.

DOCUMENTS RECORDED.

DEEDS.

V. W. Gaskill to G. B. Ratto—Lots 51 and 52 of Hamilton subdivision of lot 4, block 6, Jackson; \$330.

W. H. Kroning to J. J. Ekkel—Lot 6, block 8, Plymouth; \$150.

Thos. Westfall to C. L. Mast—1/4 interest in Honolulu Lady C. M.; \$100.

H. Eudey to Nicolo Radochich—NW 1/4 of NE 1/4 of section 10, township 6 north, range 11, east 1/4; \$10.

Amelia Silva to M. E. Silva—Lot in Plymouth; love and affection.

J. Suter, Com. to A. A. Walter—Estate of Geo. Withington in Los; \$718.88.

MORTGAGES.

C. Marella to Wm. J. McGee—Lot 7, block 10 Jackson; \$750.

H. E. Potter et ux to W. J. McGee—Land in Plymouth; \$750.

Thos. Frakes et ux to G. Levaigi—Land in Sutter Creek; \$653.

TRUST DEED.

J. J. Ekkel to Mrs. H. H. Crown—Lot 6, block 8, Plymouth; \$150.

SATISFACTION OF MORTGAGE.

C. Norton to W. Dennis et ux. Mrs. Blackwell to S. Hughes.

N. Williams to M. E. Malson. D. Marchini to J. Giannini.

J. Gonyea to J. J. Nichols. S. Pecovich to G. Barr.

Wm. Orr, Newark, O., says, "We never feel safe without One Minute Cough Cure in the house. It saved my little boy's life when he had the pneumonia. We think it is the best medicine made. It cures coughs and all lung diseases. Pleasant to take, harmless, and gives immediate results. City Pharmacy.

THE PHILIPPINE WAR.

April 12.—The Philippine Commissioners are about to sail for the Islands.

April 13.—It is now thought that Aguinaldo is safe in Manila.

April 14.—President McKinley sends a special messenger from Washington with instructions for the Commission.

April 15.—Insurgents are active in the Marivales.—Force attacks Batanga, but rebels were easily repulsed.

April 16.—Filipinos still engage our troops in slight skirmishes.

April 17.—Filipinos attack a garrison and are defeated with a loss of 109, at Batoo, North Ilocos.

April 18.—The Philippine Commissioners sail.—General Nontenegro captured.

A Joyful Reception.

Mr. and Mrs. Gottlieb Weehle returned from their wedding trip last Wednesday night, and were royally received by a host of friends, who delighted to do them honor. A more joyful reception seldom occurs here or elsewhere. Estates and drinkables were in abundance and all did ample justice to the same.

Five thousand spring samples of clothing, the latest patterns, on exhibition at the White House. 2-23 tf

Strictly First-Class Fresh Fish

Can be had every Thursday and Friday at Caminetti's Central Market. 6-2-99

BORN.

BOXALL—At Hodson, Calaveras county, April 10, 1900, to Mrs. Ruben Boxall, a daughter.

RAFFANTI—In Jackson, April 17, 1900, to Mr. and Mrs. V. Raffanti, a daughter.

MARRIED.

DATSON—HOLTS at the residence of the bride's mother, Jackson, Cal., Wednesday, April 18, 1900, by Rev. F. A. Morrow, Mr. Joseph Datson and Miss Rosa E. Holtz, both of Jackson.

DIED.

SUTTERLY—In Los Angeles, April 14, 1900, Cincinnatus Sutterly, aged about 54 years, a native of New Jersey.

Notice for Publication.

TIMBER LAND, ACT JUNE 3, 1878.
UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE,
SACRAMENTO, California, March 28, 1900.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT IN compliance with the provisions of the act of Congress of June 3, 1878, entitled "An act for the sale of timber lands in the States of California, Oregon, Nevada, and Washington Territory," as extended to all the Public Land of the United States by act of August 4, 1892, Walter S. Kirkwood, of Jackson, county of Amador, State of California, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 1881, for the purchase of the NW 1/4 of NE 1/4 of Section No. 28 in Township No. 10 N., Range No. 17 E. M. D. M., and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land under the Act of June 3, 1878, at this office at Sacramento, California, on Monday, the 4th day of June, 1900.

He names as witnesses: George A. Kirkwood of Jackson, Cal.; P. O. A. York of Jackson, Cal.; C. O. Williams of E. Colonge of Jackson, Cal.; P. O. Edward E. Cramer of Stockton, Cal.; P. O. Any and all persons claiming adversely the above described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 4th day of June, 1900. S. L. S. Register.

PLYMOUTH-JACKSON

DAILY STAGE LINE

Leaves Plymouth 6:30 a. m.
Leaves Jackson 2:30 p. m.

JOHN STEINER, - Proprietor

ANTONE RATTO

Carpenter and Contractor

ESTIMATES GIVEN ON ALL KINDS OF work. Jobbing and repairing work attended to promptly. Address at Fregeault's shop, Broadway, Jackson.

LEGAL NOTICES.

Assessment Notice.

Amelia Gold Mining Company.—Location of principal place of business, San Francisco, California. Location of works, Amador county, California.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT AT a meeting of the Board of Directors, held on the ninth day of February, 1900, an assessment (No. 4) of Two and One-half Cents per share was levied upon the capital stock of the company, payable immediately in United States gold coin, to the Secretary at the office of the company, No. 320 Sansome street, Room 4, San Francisco, California.

Any stock upon which this assessment shall remain unpaid on the fourteenth day of April, 1900, will be delinquent and advertised for sale at public auction; and, unless payment is made before, will be sold on MONDAY, the 7th day of May, 1900, to pay the delinquent assessment, together with costs of advertising and expenses of sale.

By order of the Board of Directors
L. SCHUMACHER, Secretary.
Office—No. 320 Sansome street, Room 4, San Francisco, California. 2-16-1d

POSTPONEMENT
The date of delinquency of the foregoing assessment, No. 4, has been postponed to Tuesday, the 15th day of May, 1900, and the day of sale to Friday, the 18th day of June, 1900.

By order of the Board of Directors
L. SCHUMACHER, Secretary.
Office—320 Sansome street Room 4, San Francisco, California.

Notice to Creditors.

Estate of Rudolph Schneebely, deceased.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN BY THE undersigned, administrator of the estate of Rudolph Schneebely, deceased, to the creditors and all persons having claims against said deceased, to exhibit them, with the necessary vouchers, within four months after the first publication of this notice to the said administrator, at the law office of C. P. Vicini at Jackson, Amador County, the same being the place for the transaction of the business of said estate, in said County of Amador.

Dated, March 19, 1900. G. M. WACHTER, Administrator of the estate of Rudolph Schneebely, deceased. C. P. Vicini, attorney for administrator. 3-25-1d

Notice of Forfeiture.

To John B. Sidner:
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT I have expended at least \$300 (two hundred) in labor and improvements on the following described placer claim: W 1/2 of E 1/4 and E 1/2 of W 1/4 of SW 1/4 of NE 1/4 of section 32, township 7 north, range 13 east, Mt. Diablo Base and Meridian, Volcano Mining District, Amador County, State of California, as will appear by certificate of Amador County, on December 29, 1898, and January 19, 1900, in order to hold said premises under the provisions of section 2334, Revised Statutes of U. S., being the amount required to hold same for the year ending December 31, 1899, and if within ninety days after the publication of this notice you fail or refuse to contribute your proportion of said expenditure, as co-owner, your interest in said claim will become the property of the subscriber under said section 2334. M. CHRISTENSEN, Volcano, January 30, 1900. 1-30-4-27

THE COFFEE HOUSE

JACKSON, CAL.

Basement of the Webb Building

Everything New, Neat and Clean

MEALS SERVED AT ALL HOURS

THE BEST THE MARKET AFFORDS ALWAYS ON HAND

Guests treated with consideration and respect at all times.

Best Liquors and Cigars at the Bar

A. GAGRE and A. TARAZ

None Flour Mills

Corn, Bran, Middlings, Rolled Barley Mixed Feed

Pine and Redwood Lumber Dressed and Rough Shingles Shakes and Laths

GLOBE HOTEL

Corner Main and Court Streets JACKSON, CAL.

E. ANDERSON : : Proprietor

First-Class in Every Respect

SPECIAL ATTENTION PAID TO COMMERCE

Good Meals, 25 Cents

Union Stables

Under Webb Hall

MAIN STREET - JACKSON, CAL.

M. NEWMAN, Prop.

The Stable equipped with first-class stock and vehicles. Suitable rigs for Commercial travelers with trunks.

Special Attention Paid to Transient Stock.

Large stable and yard for use of teamsters. Telegrams answered free of cost. 3-23-1d

MISCELLANEOUS.

SHOES AT WHOLESALE

The largest exclusive Shoe Stock in Amador County to be closed out at wholesale prices, without any reserve whatever.

SALE WILL BEGIN APRIL 1, 1900.

And continue until the entire stock is closed out. No more repairing will be taken after this date, March 23.

Shelving, Fixtures, etc., will be for sale after stock is sold.

A. F. PETERSON, Jackson.

Entirely New Spring and Summer Goods

Silk Waist Patterns
Corded Taffetas
Satin
Corded Madras
Fancy Dry Good Notions
Organdies
Dimitris
Percales
Ladies' and Gents Footwear
Straw, Crash and Felt Hats
A full line of Children and Youth's Suits

Glavinovich & Parker
DEALERS IN
GENERAL MERCHANDISE
JACKSON.

Peek's Addition

Choice lots in this sightly Addition for sale on terms to suit your own sack. Buy at once and secure the best. This is the coming Nob Hill of Jackson.

W. P. Peek, Owner, Jackson.

L. A. KENT
Blacksmith
Wagonmaker and Horseshoer
CARRIAGE PAINTING AND GENERAL SMITHING attended to with dispatch at reasonable rates. Wharf's old stand, South Main street, Near National Hotel, Jackson.

A WEEK OF UNALLOYED JOY
Sacramento Street Fair
and

A MILL FOR THE NUGGET

Work on the Oneida Mill Is Under Way.

ANOTHER RICH STRIKE MADE AT THE FINNEGAN

The Gold Production of the Jumper Said to Exceed All Former Cleanups.

Nugget-Ione.
At the Nugget mine, Ione, the owners, Messrs. Adams, Carlisle and Robertson, are taking out quartz seams with free gold and abundant in sulphurets. A mill is now in operation.

Urusla-Ione.
The Ursula mine near Ione, owned by Messrs. Adams, Burris and Schmidt, is on the same ledge that the Nugget encounters and the production is similar. One mill will probably answer for both mines.

Reduction Co.-Plymouth.
The New Western Mining and Reduction Co., of Plymouth, Frank J. Moffit, Oakland, president, and Todd C. Woodward, superintendent, is doing nicely. The canvas plant is running smoothly and effecting quite a saving in fine sulphurets. Everything else about the works is arranged to run as automatically and economically as possible.

Gritton-Volcano.
At the Gritton mine, last Tuesday, a nugget weighing a trifle over \$11.00 was picked up by one of the workmen. Coroner Geo. A. Gritton, the owner of the property, exhibited the nugget to the writer hereof a day or two ago. It is a peach.

Near Plymouth.
W. M. Russell has bonded the Potter property northeast of Plymouth, which is to be developed by an English company.

The Zenith mine, northeast of Plymouth, has shut down temporarily in order to get into better condition for a continuous run. A good body of rock, considering the depth, has been encountered.

Mike Kane, formerly underground foreman at the Utica mine, Angels Camp, is now foreman of the Bay State mine.

Peerless-Jackson.
Superintendent Osborne continues to furnish excellent evidence that the Peerless property will eventually become of great value. The sinking at this mine is now being done by contract, and the shaft will probably go down faster than heretofore, if all goes well. Yesterday evening Superintendent Osborne brought in a sample of ledge matter that in his opinion, and in the opinion of other good judges, demonstrates beyond cavil that the Peerless is located on the true Mother Lode vein. Sinking is going forward rapidly, and every body interested is well pleased with the present outlook.

Oneida-Jackson Gate.
The force at the Oneida mine has been increased materially during the past week or so. Upwards of forty extra men are now engaged in the usual operations of the works and on the new 60-stamp mill now building. Superintendent Truscott is moving the extensive operations along like clock work.

CALAVERAS COUNTY.

Chronicle: S. E. Redmond, late of the Metropolitan Hotel at San Andreas, and Mike Rigney went to El Dorado last Monday where they will engage in prospecting the Ritter mine. They took a good supply of provisions along and will "batch it" in a cabin on the mine. They have some fine rock in sight, and, as these gentlemen are full of push and energy, operations will be crowded as rapidly as possible. A piece of rock from this mine that had been left at the Metropolitan Hotel in San Andreas, was thrown out this week by the present proprietor, as only a slight speck of gold could be seen on the outside. It was afterward picked up and broken open by L. S. Pelton who was surprised to find that it contained a large quantity of free gold. The boys undoubtedly have a good thing and we wish them every success.

J. E. Burton, who is largely interested in mining in these parts, has secured from Lee Vandel and S. C. Peck a working bond for one year on their property, the Nigger Hill quartz mine, within this townsite. This mine is believed to be an extension of the Moser. The lead is in porphyry formation and the rock is of a very high grade. There is no doubt that the early-day placer diggings on Nigger Hill came from this lead. It is said that operations will commence soon and that a crosscut tunnel will be run to tap the lead.

The Eudora, situated below the Calaveras grade, about one mile from the West Point bridge, is owned and operated by George J. Congdon. This mine of late years has been known as the Hadler & Guy but since coming into the possession of Mr. Congdon it resumed the ancient name Eudora, under which it was worked in early days by the Mexicans. The main tunnel is in 210 feet and the face of it shows a ledge a trifle over two feet in width, being of both free milling and rebellious ore. The free milling will be ground here and the rebellious—which will yield about \$35 per ton—will be shipped to Selby's. Mr. Congdon is a lucky prospector, and the Eudora is a promising piece of property.

Several men are at work clearing the tunnels and putting things in shape on the Lone Star mine, with the view of that property resuming work at an early date. This mine is so well known in the history of Calaveras county, to rewrite it at this time. Until a few years ago it was the prop-

erty of the Hurley Gold Mining company of Wisconsin but has since passed into the hands of the Farrington Gold Mining company of which A. Pugh is superintendent.

Prospect: Another rich strike has been made in the Finnegan mine at Carson this week, and the indications are good that another big pocket will soon be uncovered.

At the Harris mine all is activity. A pump is being sunk below the 400, and next week a station will be cut at that level and the work of drifting commenced.

Reports from the Demarest are very encouraging. Good ore is being taken out all the time and the quality steadily improves. Though not much work is being done, save development work, still the rock taken out and run through the mill more than meets the monthly expenses, leaving something in the treasury for future contingencies.

Citizen: Two hundred tons of ore is being taken out of the Commodore mine for a test run, which will be put through the mill of the Ford between now and the 1st of May. The result is anxiously looked forward to, and should it turn out as expected a mill will be immediately erected at the Commodore.

The Kentucky mine has temporarily closed down pending the arrival of a new pump, the one in use now not being adequate for the amount of water to be lifted. The work will go ahead again as soon as the new pump is placed.

TUOLUMNE COUNTY.

Independent: The Jumper is said to be turning out more gold than during any other period of the famous bullion producer's history. The mining atmosphere is loaded with prophecies that a \$500,000 clean-up can be expected from the present run. This estimate may be a shade high, but not enough to seriously interfere with the figures when given approximately.

Orders have been received from the Goldwin Company to go ahead with the new flume, and Captain McClintock, superintendent, will have construction begun no later than Thursday of next week. The flume will be 2900 feet long. The machinery for the mine is arriving, and in two months everything will be in readiness for the aggressive underground campaign contemplated.

New Era: Superintendent P. J. Kerrigan arrived in Carters the fore part of the week from San Francisco. He has since gone to Lost Fox for the purpose of making the necessary preparations for the resumption of work.

The sixty-stamp mill on the Trio mine, near Jamestown, owned by the Harvard Mining Company, is fast nearing completion. This mine is one of the most thoroughly equipped on the Mother Lode.

Mother Lode: The new mill at the Temescal is in operation and runs very smoothly. Superintendent J. W. Brown says he will soon have the property in the best of condition for the easy and cheap handling and working of ore.

W. T. Dyer, formerly of the Draper mine and more recently of the Horse Shoe Bend mine, is in San Francisco, having severed his connection with the latter company. He recently returned from New York.

Tom and Phil Donahue are doing very extensive development work on their mine near La Grange. This property produced well in early days, and the work done recently shows that it is not exhausted by any means.

The Black Oak mine is looking better than ever. The cyanide plant has been giving the best of results, but W. O. Kibbie is now making a scientific test of the rock. Mr. Kibbie is a most accomplished metallurgist, and if the system can be improved he will find a way.

The new incline shaft at the Over mine has now attained a depth of twenty-five feet. Work was begun last week.

A gasoline engine will be installed at the Dondero gravel mine. In the sink where work is now in progress, the gravel is said to be very rich.

Work is being delayed at the Kearsago by the non-arrival of the rest of the machinery, which consists of a hoist, pump and a mill of 20-ton capacity.

Mother Lode Magnet: The new quartz mill of the Temescal Company in Cranston Gulch is running satisfactorily.

A. W. Hawkett, well known in this vicinity, is about to commence work upon a placer claim he recently located.

Ben Adams is running a tunnel under the South Fork of the Stanislaus. He has bright prospects, intending to drift under the boulders.

Hyatt & Haynes have got a two-stamp mill running on a ledge of good ore on the point between the South Fork and Deer Creek.

Attention Sons of St. George. Officers and members of Admiral Dewey Lodge No. 425, Sons of St. George, and sojourning members of the Order, are hereby requested to meet at I. O. O. F. Hall, Jackson, Sunday morning at 10 o'clock to form a parade and attend services at the M. E. church commemorative of St. George Day.

H. Digby Johnston, L. D., will conduct the services, his subject being "The Religious Aspects of the South African War."

Five Cents a Pair. At our annual clearance sale will be sold ladies' fine tan hose at five cents a pair. Red Front. 3-5

Notice to the Public. Unless better order is observed in the corridor of the postoffice during the distribution of the evening mail, the outside doors will be closed until the general delivery window is opened. GEO. C. FOLGER, Postmaster. Jackson, April 20, 1900.

To secure the original white hazel salve, ask for De Witt's "Hazel Salve," well known as a certain cure for piles and skin diseases. Beware of worthless counterfeits. They are dangerous. City Pharmacy.

FROM THE COUNTY OVER

Amador Nine Win Laurels on the Diamond.

THE LITERARY TREAT AT AUKUM IS REPORTED

Boiling Water Accidentally Thrown on a Little Girl After Boiling Eggs at an Easter Picnic.

Amador City.
AMADOR CITY, April 18, 1900. In a friendly game of baseball last Sunday at Burke's grove our boys won a great victory over the Jackson nine by a score of 13 to 6.

John Noce returned home Tuesday from a pleasant trip to the Bay city. Miss Katie Nichols was over on a visit from Sutter Creek last Sunday. Simon Reeves is working at the Keystone mine.

Sheriff U. S. Gregory of Jackson was in town on Tuesday. Mrs. Ben White, who has been quite sick, is better again.

Gus Bessell, who has been working at the Bay State mine near Plymouth, has returned.

Constable Gray of Sutter Creek was a business visitor here last Saturday. John Vining is on the sick list.

A grand farewell reception was tendered to Mrs. Nicholas King and family on Tuesday evening at Fallon's hall. They departed for their home in Alaska this morning.

Andrew Noce, former foreman of the Keystone mine but now at the Oneida, was here Sunday.

ADMIRAL SCHLEY.
AUKUM.

A Picnic at the Wigglesworth Grove on May 11th.
AUKUM, April 15, 1900.

Mrs. Jack French, who has been quite sick, is improving slowly. Quite a number of the young people attended the Easter services in Olea. Will Leventon, who was seriously injured by a horse falling on him, is now thought to be out of danger.

J. Wigglesworth Jr. and family of Plymouth, spent Saturday and Sunday with their parents.

Frank Traganza went to Sacramento last Wednesday to remain for a short time.

Asa Farnsworth is the happy father of a little boy.

Art Mills paid Sacramento a visit last week.

The picnic at Wigglesworth's grove will be given May 11th. The entertainment given by the Loyal Temperance Legion at the Aukum ball last Saturday night was a success in every respect; there was about 175 people present. The programme was as follows:

March and Welcome song by thirty children. Recitation—Opening address, Hattie Seeley. Recitation—"The Minister to Tea," Ralph McNaughten.

Good—Children of the poor," Ethel Bell and Myrtle McClary. Dialogue—"Story of a peach pie," Karl and Flora Goffinet.

Recitation—"A little school," Hazel Perry. Dialogue—"Occupation of girls," six little girls.

Duet—"The coach ahead," Mamie Perry and Sadie Wigglesworth. Recitation—"Oh! what fun," Daisy Bell. Recitation—"Little boys troubles," Clarence Votaw.

Dialogue and tableau—"Contentment better than riches," Willie König and Earl Warren. Recitation, Emma Olsen. Play drill and tableau, four girls and four boys.

Dialogue—"Like an Indian," Ralph McNaughten. Recitation—"On Temperance; old man's story," Mert Bell. Drama—"Economic Boomerang," six characters.

Good-night song and tableau, Emma Koeling. Orchestra music—Violin, Claude Wigglesworth; organ, Clara Hite.

Too much praise cannot be given Sadie Wigglesworth, leader of L. T. L., and Mamie Kerry president, for their untiring efforts and energy in making the entertainment meet the approval of the W. C. T. U. and all concerned.

Each one acted their part commendably. The entertainment was given to establish a treasury for the newly organized order, L. T. L. Financially it was satisfactory. W. A. L.

AUKUM, April 16, 1900.

The L. T. L. entertainment that came off at Aukum, Saturday night, was a complete success. The parts rendered by the little folks, and a few adults that aided them, were well carried out and the embryo actor was visible in more than one instance among the little folks, giving one the impression that a star rested upon their heads in the vista of the future if they saw fit to follow the profession of an actor. Little eyes raised heavenward in supplication; little hands stretched out in supplication; little heads thrown back with impassioned eloquence when rendering a part of human character, which seemed to appear as their own.

Mary Billson visited Lizzie Uhlinger Saturday last. Mrs. Walton was a visitor at the Pigeon Creek school Tuesday last.

Arthur Mills went to Sacramento Thursday, returning Friday. Joe Wigglesworth Jr., wife and family, visited the former's parents of this place Sunday last.

Harry Putnam's smiling face was seen in this vicinity last week.

Mrs. Farnsworth of Una visited Mrs. Chas. Bell Sunday.

Claude Wigglesworth, who has been in San Francisco for the past week, returned to his home at this place last Thursday.

NOME.

SPRING VALLEY.

A Little Child Seriously Scalded at An Easter Picnic.

Our farmers in this locality are making ready to cut hay soon, as the north winds of the past few days have helped the volunteer crops wonderfully.

Mrs. James Ubricht, who has been having a long siege of rheumatism, is improving very slowly.

G. W. Morrow, superintendent of the

Zenth mine has gone to San Francisco and will be absent a few days.

Henry Grelich paid our valley a visit last Sunday.

The road between here and Plymouth has been kept hot for the past few days by the young folks going up to have their photos taken.

Last Sunday, while some of the children of the Slate Creek school were having an Easter picnic, after having boiled some eggs, one of the little ones in throwing away the boiling water threw it on Minnie Withrow, scalding her from her knee to her foot very severely.

Henry White and family have been on the sick list the past week with the la grippe.

Henry Ehler of Jackson has been on a visit to his father near the Cosumnes river and returned home last Friday.

I-NO-IT.

SOUTH JACKSON.

"Live Oak" Sends in a Few South Jackson Notes.

SOUTH JACKSON, April 18, 1900.

Mrs. J. B. Maguire and son returned to their home at Mokelumne Hill, after a three weeks' visit with relatives in South Jackson.

Mr. and Mrs. George Miller, and Master Willie Miller of Sacramento, came up on the stage Wednesday of last week; they will remain for some time.

Cynthia Love has been quite sick for the past week, and is still very ill.

LIVE OAK.

Some Have Responded.

A week or two ago the LEDGER requested all subscribers to look at the date on their respective papers, and send in the amount now due. We are pleased to note that a few have responded to our call. It is quite important that more should do so without delay. We do not think it is a fair deal to oblige us to spend half the amount due the LEDGER by keeping a collector in the field, but unless the money now due, and much of it is long since due, is promptly paid, our only remedy is to collect it. There are some subscribers who have not paid a cent for the paper for eight years, many others are from three to six years in arrears. This is not business, and it must be remedied. Kindly look at the date and send in what you can spare, if you are not prepared to pay it all in one payment. A receipt will be mailed to you promptly for the sum sent in and due credit given. Send either by express, registered letter, Wells, Fargo & Co's money order or P. O. order. Please understand that we are in dead earnest about this important matter.

The date opposite your name shows the date to which your subscription is paid. Where the last figure of the date is not preceded by a cipher, it indicates that your subscription is paid up to the month designated of the year 189-. When 00 appears it indicates that your subscription is paid to 1900, and when marked 01, to 1901, etc.

Off for Europe.

Next Wednesday a party consisting of Judge Garrou, of the Supreme Court, wife and two grown daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. J. McGee, and Miss Christine Rickett, will leave San Francisco, enroute to Europe. The party will visit Salt Lake City, Omaha, Kansas City, Chicago, Boston, Philadelphia, Baltimore and New York, sailing for Southampton, on the fast steamer Maria Theresa, May 22d.

From thence they will travel through England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales and portions of Germany, entering France in time to reach the Paris Exposition July 4th.

Three Men Arrested.

Three woodchoppers named George Green, Harry Hoff and George Hoff, who were working near Carbondale for Captain Bell of Stockton, had a dispute with their employer one day this week which led to blows, Captain Bell being knocked down during the melee. A warrant was sworn out and Sheriff Gregory and Constable Pat Kelly arrested the men Wednesday and brought them to the county jail.

Down a Manway 40 Feet.

Charles Ruie, with an armful of wedges, was ascending the manway of the north shaft of the Kennedy on Friday afternoon of last week, when he lost his hold and fell a distance of forty feet. He escaped with but little injury, his right side receiving the brunt of the fall. Dr. Gall is in attendance and says his patient will be all right in a few days.

Free to Inventors.

The experienced C. A. Snow & Co. in obtaining more than \$10,000 patents for inventors has enabled them to helpfully answer many questions relating to the protection of intellectual property. They have done in a pamphlet treating briefly of United States and foreign patents, with cost of same, and how to procure them; trade marks, designs, caveats, infringements, decisions in leading patent cases, etc. etc.

This pamphlet will be sent free to anyone writing to C. A. Snow & Co., Washington, D. C.

Found Dead.

Col. Clement Sutterly was found dead in his home in Ione about 4 o'clock Saturday afternoon, April 14, 1900. Deceased had been a resident of Ione for about twenty-five years. He was a bachelor aged about fifty-four, a native of New Jersey.

Ball Game at Plymouth.

At the Basket Picnic to be held in Plymouth, May 5th, there will be a match game of baseball for \$25 a side, between the Amador City and Jackson clubs. This, in addition to the other attractions, ought to draw a big crowd.

The Finest Building Lots.

Remember that W. P. Peck has the finest building lots for sale in Jackson. Terms easy. See display advertisement in this paper.

Annual Clearance Sale.

If our goods are not cheap and good when you get home we will return your money for them. Red Front. 3-5

M. B. Smith, Butternut, Mich., says "De Witt's Little Early Risers are the very best pills I ever used for constiveness, liver and bowel troubles." City Pharmacy.

A SEVEN DAYS' CLEANUP

East Kennedy to Be Made Deeper.

BLUE JAY HUNTING NOT TAKEN TO FAVORABLY

Three Ionians Leave for Cape Nome—Charles Gracey Returns to Amador County.

Ione flour is Peerless.

Attend the lecture at Webb Hall tomorrow night.

If you want good bread, buy only Peerless flour. 3-16-17

Keep in mind the Basket Picnic at Plymouth, May 5th.

PIONEER FLOUR always has been and still is the best. 4-6-17

Mrs. Oscar Reichling is visiting her parents at Chico.

Give us daily some good bread. Pioneer Flour makes the best. 4-6-17

Lee and William Martin of Ione were in town Wednesday.

Annual clearance sale. Twenty yards of calico for \$1.00. Red Front. 3-5

M. Hammer and A. E. Dutschke of Ione were in Jackson Monday.

Jackson Cash Grocers carry the freshest crackers and fancy cakes. 4-6-17

George Newman visited Jackson last week, returning home Saturday.

Pioneer Flour is the "Lily of the Valley," the "Pearl of Perfection." *

Dr. C. A. Herrick is making several changes in the interior of his residence.

C. O. Ziegenfuss, of the San Andreas Citizen, arrived in Jackson yesterday and went to Stockton today.

Charles Bacon is confined to his rooms in the Globe Hotel with a severe attack of la grippe.

Men's dress shoes at \$1.25 per pair at the annual clearance sale at Red Front.

Harry Newman, who has been here for a week or two, returned home yesterday morning.

Ladies' ties at \$1.00 per pair at the annual clearance sale at Red Front. 3-5

J. E. Barnes of the Ione Echo was a county seat visitor Monday and Tuesday.

C. E. Purington, superintendent of the Fremont mine, was in town Tuesday.

The very best of ravioli or chicken dinners may be obtained at the Original Louvre every Sunday. 3-30-17

W. A. Pritchard, Supt. of the Keystone mine, was a county seat visitor Tuesday.

Charles Williams is visiting friends in Milton, and later intends extending his trip to San Francisco.

The cheapest place to buy your groceries is of the Jackson Cash Grocers. 4-6-17

Joseph Kidd, deputy postmaster, visited friends in Jackson Valley last Sunday.

Mrs. Dr. C. A. Herrick and baby have been quite ill this week of la grippe.

Annual clearance sale. Three pair children's hose for 25 cents. Red Front. 3-2

From present appearances, house-rent hereabouts will have to drop a point or two.

Walter Mann, Victor Zerga and James Holman, all of Ione, started for Cape Nome last Tuesday.

Ione Flour Mill is a home industry and makes the best flour. Why not patronize it? 3-16-17

J. D. Mason has accepted a position as foreman in the army of the Standard Electric Company.

F. M. Whitmore, W. C. Hoss and A. H. A. Burbank, of the Antelope district, were in town this week.

Annual clearance sale. Men's large turkey red, blue and white handkerchiefs at 5 cents each at Red Front. 3-5

"The most deceitful thing in the world" is the subject at the M. E. church, Sunday evening, April 22d.

Services commemorative of St. George Day will be held in the M. E. church next Sunday morning.

Three pair ladies' black hose for 25 cents at the annual clearance sale at the Red Front. 3-5

F. W. Parker is under the care of Dr. Endicott and Matt Joy is now acting as night watchman.

C. H. Ellison, Superintendent of the Standard Electric Co's work in this county, was registered at the New National Tuesday.

To the Front again. Annual clearance sale from April 2d to April 30th at the Red Front. 3-5

Two tonsorial artists to wait upon you at the Globe Shaving Parlor, a few doors north of Globe Hotel. 4-20-17

F. A. Voorheis, proprietor of the New National Hotel, accompanied by his son Gilbert, visited Stockton last Sunday.

McMillan, the Photographer, will visit Ione on Wednesday, April 25th, returning to Jackson Monday, April 30th. 4-20-17

Annual clearance sale. Six ladies' summer vests for 25 cents at the Red Front.

VANQUISHED A SPOOK

BILL SCROGGINS DID IT AND THEN
DISAPPEARED.

The Singular History of a Peculiar
Character Who Located Wells For
Missouri Farmers and Juggled
With Trained Snakes.

Rev. Bill Scroggins was a character
in a border county of Missouri in 1844.
How he acquired the ecclesiastical pre-
fix and what he did under the title
were stories which used to be told in
the farmhouses of what is now known
as Cass county.

They said he had been a snake
charmer when he was a young man,
that he traveled about the country as a
sort of magician and that he showed
farmers with his divining rod where to
dig wells.

The people of what was then a fron-
tier county assembled once a year in
their respective communities and held
camp meetings. On one of these reli-
gious occasions Bill followed the crowd
with his bag of reptiles. The minister,
an old man whose face was like that of
a patriarch, told the story in a sermon
of Moses lifting up the brazen serpent
in the camp of Israel under the com-
mand of Jehovah. The Missouri farm-
er who used to entertain travelers with
the recital said that the congregation
was not particularly moved by the ap-
peal, but after its delivery Bill Scrog-
gins got up and announced that he had
a bag of real, crawling, hissing reptiles
which he would exhibit after dinner
just outside the camp ground, and he
claimed that he would show the people
some snake tricks which would beat
the Mosaic story they had just heard.

In spite of the protest of the minister
the people turned out to the live snake
show, and Bill gave them an exhibition
which was a great success. It is said,
or it used to be said, that there wasn't
a snake trick which Bill Scroggins' ser-
pents didn't do. When the exhibi-
tion was over, Bill told the people that
he was a sort of visionary himself in
connection with his business of locat-
ing wells and that he would call on
each member in the evening and advise
with them as to their spiritual and
worldly wants.

When he called, his first question
was, "Have you got a well?" If the
reply was in the negative, and wells
were scarce, Bill informed the member
that he must have one located, and
then he opened his bag of snakes and
as they began crawling Bill lifted up
his voice and called the people to re-
pentance. He told them the snakes
would do no harm if they (the people)
would give him the job of locating
wells.

It was a tax on human belief, but
the Missourian who told the story
vouched for the truth of his assertion
that the people gave Bill more money
than he could fill in one season, and
that he broke up the camp meetings.
He was the first heretic in the west,
although the word was unknown in
that country then. He became famous
and was in demand. Wherever he trav-
eled he had his bag of trained snakes,
and he waxed fat and became inde-
pendent.

Whenever there was any doubt about
the success of any money-making
scheme, it was passed that Rev. Bill Scrog-
gins should be summoned.

People in that section believed in
ghosts, as many more enlightened peo-
ple believe in them in this day. There
was one ghost which had done a lively
business along the highway between
the county seat and a river known to
this day as Bear creek. It was the
custom of this ghost to lead the
horsemen over the highway until the
ford at Bear creek was reached. There
the chase stopped. The ghost never
crossed the stream.

When the fame of Rev. Bill Scrog-
gins had spread abroad, it was sug-
gested that he travel over the Bear
creek road and try his hand on the
spirit. Bill accepted the call. He
made a number of journeys before the
ghost materialized, and there were
people who began doubting the exist-
ence of the ghost, while others cited
Rev. Bill as one who could overcome
anything, and by that token he had
made the ghost take to the woods. The
community was equally divided.

However, the ghost showed up one
night in the midst of a storm and chal-
lenged Rev. Bill to ride for his life.
The snake ecclesiastic readily ac-
cepted the challenge, and there was
a contest in which Bill's
horse was killed, and he was left af-
frighted. The ghost got the bag of snakes
and escaped to the ford, where Bill over-
took him on the following day, and the
contest was renewed. The ghost un-
dertook to turn the snakes on Bill, but
they refused to act. Bill got possession
of them and rode on to the spirit.
The snake ecclesiastic rode on to the
spirit. They drove the spirit into Bear creek
and across it, and the spirit fled, and
that was the end of the ghost in that
country.

Bill returned in triumph to the coun-
ty seat and told the story. It was re-
ceived with some doubt, but as years
slipped by and nobody was chased
people began to believe Bill, and apolo-
gized to him in later life. But Bill was
vindicated. Then he mysteriously dis-
appeared.

Some years later a den of snakes was
discovered in what is now Bates coun-
ty, Mo., the adjoining county on the
south to Cass, and in this den was dis-
covered the skeleton of a man. In the
opinion of many the skeleton was none
other than that of Rev. Bill Scroggins.
So well was his memory revered that
the bones were collected from the
snake den, and when the first court-
house was built in Cass county, it is
said, they were placed in a box under
the cornerstone and were found three
years after when the old courthouse
was demolished.—Brooklyn Eagle.

Wounded in Battle.
An army loses far more of its strength
through its wounded than through its
killed. In the first place there are four
or five wounded to one killed, and in
the second place the dead men give no
trouble, while the wounded require an
immense number of noncombatants to
attend to them. A great many of the
wounded return again to duty, their
wounds being comparatively slight,
but as a rule more than half of them
take no more part in the war.—London
Answers.

The Poet's Choice.
"I don't care for your poem, 'The
Song on the Lark,'" remarked the edi-
tor. The poet sighed wearily.
"To tell the truth," he replied, "I my-
self much prefer the lay of the hen."—
Philadelphia Record.

Among birds the swan lives to be the
oldest, in extreme cases reaching 300
years. The falcon has been known to
live over 102 years.

The average duration of marriages in
England is 28 years; in France and
Germany, 20; Norway, 24; Russia, 30.

SCIENCE OF DREAMS.

Results of a Series of Experiments
by a German Professor.

Sleep is not "the brother of death,"
as the poets have said from Homer
to Shelley; but, on the contrary, "sleep
is the brother of life." So Professor
Baschide asserts, who, in an article
in the Uatwriswissenschaftliche Rund-
schau, gives an account of his "experi-
ments upon 36 dreamers." His sub-
jects were of various ages, from 1 year
to 80 years.

In some cases his observations were
continued during the whole night and
in others for a great part of the night.
He watched and recorded every
change of physiognomy, every move-
ment of the limbs and every speech or
sound uttered by the unconscious
dreamers. The depth of the sleep was
also carefully measured, while from
time to time the dreamers were awak-
ened, but without their own percep-
tion that the awakening was inten-
tional.

The professor obtained, as he writes
at length, the following results: (1)
We dream throughout the whole of our
sleep, even in that deepest sleep which
we imagine to be "dreamless." (2)
There is an intimate connection be-
tween the depth of our sleep and the
character of our dreams. The deeper
the sleep the further back travels the
retrospect into the past experiences of
life and also the more remote are the
contents of the dream from reality. In
a light sleep, on the contrary, the sub-
ject of the dream relates to the pres-
ent experiences and excitements of the
day and has a character of probability. (3)
In a comatose sleep the professor
thinks there may perhaps be no dream-
ing. (4) Persons who assert that they
do not dream "are the victims of phys-
ical delusion." (5) Dreams of a moder-
ate character remain longest in the
memory. The wilder the dream, the
sooner it is forgotten.—London News.

THE STONE OF GRATITUDE.

An Old Roman Legend That Treats
of the Topaz.

The topaz is called the stone of grate-
tude, and the old Roman books record
the following legend from which the
stone derives this attribute:

The blind Emperor Theodosius used
to hang a brazen griffin before his pal-
ace gates and sit beside it on certain
days, hearing and putting to rights the
grievances of any of his subjects.
Those who wished for his advice and
help had but to sound the gong, and
immediately admission into the pres-
ence of Caesar was obtained.

One day a great snake crept up to
the gate and struck the brazen griffin
with her coils, and Theodosius gave or-
ders that he should molest the
creature and bade her tell him her
wish. The snake bent her crest lowly
in homage and straightaway told the
following tale:

Her nest was at the base of the gate-
way tower, and while she had gone to
find food for her young brood a strange
beast covered with sharp needles had
invaded her home, killed the nestlings
and now held possession of the little
dwelling. Would Caesar grant her jus-
tice?

The emperor gave orders for the por-
cupine to be slain and the mother to be
restored to her desolate nest. Night
fell, and the sleeping world had forgot-
ten the emperor's kindly deed, but with
the early dawn a great serpent glided
into the palace, up the steps and into
the royal chamber and laid upon each
of the emperor's closed eyelids a gleam-
ing topaz. When Emperor Theodosius
awoke, he found he was no longer
blind, for the mother snake had paid
her debt of gratitude.—Exchange.

Doesn't Travel For Fun.

Far from being the great autocrat,
the arbiter of things of magnitude, the
president of a railway system, he is
great or small, is a dealer in trifles
with a consideration for everything.
Every accident, large or small, every
occurrence by which the road is to lose
a dollar or to make a dollar, comes to
the notice of the president. The suc-
cessful head of a railroad is the one
who considers the details. He is the
man who makes the profits, and he is
the man who has to face the music at
the directors' meeting.

When you see the bright, smooth
running train of the railway
company, the long string of passenger coaches,
you can be safe in the opinion that the
occupant has not the softest snap on
earth. You can also rest assured that
if he is a success in his sphere he is
not traveling for fun.—Omaha World-Herald.

A Model of Joy.

The artist placed the cowl in front of
his model and worked away rapidly on
his allegorical picture of "Joy."
"Uncle Ephraim," he said, "if this
picture is a success I shall give you, be-
sides the hundred dollar I promised, the
finest and plumpest young pullet in the
market."

A grin overspread the shiny face of
Uncle Ephraim, but the artist was dis-
appointed. The result was not quite
what he had expected.

An inspiration came to his aid.

"Down on South Water street this
morning," he went on, "I saw the fat-
est ass that was ever brought to this
town. I am going to get it for you."

"Golly!"

And the picture was a magnificent
success.—Chicago Tribune.

Lady Churchill's Patriotic Retort.

Lady Churchill has inherited the wit
of her father, as she demonstrated un-
der one occasion to an eminent British
politician. He was somewhat annoyed
at the campaign she had made and said:

"I really don't understand, Lady
Churchill, why or how it is that Amer-
ican ladies refuse to enter political life
in their own country, but overwhelm
us here in England."

"That is because you have never
traveled in the United States. The
men there are so intelligent and patri-
otic that they do not require the ser-
vices of our sex as an educating force."
—Saturday Evening Post.

Honors Easy.

"The audience was a trifle severe in
its comments on the essay your wife
read."

"Yes," answered Mr. Meekton, "but
the audience hasn't any." "I'd feel pretty
small and discouraged if it only knew what Hon-
orietta says about the people who criti-
cized her."—Washington Star.

The Very Man.

"Who would be the right officer to
approach for inside governmental in-
formation?" asked the new Washing-
ton correspondent of the old one.

"The secretary of the interior," re-
plied the latter promptly.—Pittsburg
Chronicle-Telegram.

A PLUNGE TO DEATH.

SAM PATCH'S FAMOUS JUMP OVER
THE GENEESE FALLS.

The Last of a Sensational Series of
Daring Feats Which Might Have
Resulted Differently But For a Bot-
tle of Brandy.

Nov. 13, 1829, Sam Patch lost his life
in jumping from a scaffold 25 feet
above the brink of the Genesee falls
into the abyss below. He undertook
to jump in all a distance of 125 feet.
Of course the whole population of
Rochester as well as the farmers from
neighboring villages were upon the
scene. The fame of Patch had for
several weeks been a topic of conver-
sation among the early settlers.

Patch was born in Rhode Island in
1807. Soon after he removed to Pater-
san, N. J., at which place in 1827 he
was seized with the jumping mania.
After giving several daring exhibitions
in New Jersey he decided to try his
luck at Niagara falls two years later.
In October, 1827, he jumped from a
shelving rock between Goat island and
the gurgling waters many feet below.
A few days later he started the na-
tives by jumping from the old Fitz-
hugh street bridge at dawn. He swam
under the water to a convenient hiding
place, where he had much amusement
in watching several boats crowded
with people dragging for his body.
They were startled when he called
merrily to them, joking them for their
wasted efforts in his behalf.

On another morning he started a
Rochester boat jumping from the
brink of the falls to the rapid below.
If Patch had not reassured the boy, he
would have had half of the population
of Rochester dragging the water for
his dead body.

With such a record it is no wonder
that on the morning of Nov. 13 all the
muddy roads leading to Rochester
were thronged with people desirous of
seeing the wonderful jumper. Even if
farmers were unusually busy they se-
cured the last of their harvests, their
found time to take a day or two off in
order to witness the feats of Sam
Patch. Several boats brought hundreds
of visitors in holiday attire from Can-
ada, Oswego and Lewiston. Buffalo,
Canandaigua and Batavia were almost
depopulated on account of the exodus
to Rochester. The few taverns in the
city turned out their best, and many
had to camp out overnight.

Notwithstanding the raw, cold weath-
er throngs of settlers lined the banks
below the falls. Although Sam said he
did not feel the cold weather, he was
pleased to fortify himself with a drink
of brandy tendered to him by his
friend, William Cochrane. Several of
the spectators contributed a unique
uniform. Dressed in white trousers
decorated with a black silk band, a
chief tied around his body, surmounted
by a light woolen jacket and skullcap,
Sam must have presented a grotesque
appearance.

After taking another drink from the
flask Sam made the following speech
to the thousands of breathless specta-
tors: "Napoleon was a great man and
a great general. He conquered armies,
and he conquered nations. But he
couldn't jump the Genesee falls. Vol-
wington was a great man and a great
soldier. He conquered armies, and he
conquered nations, and he conquered
Napoleon, but he couldn't jump the
Genesee falls. That was left for me to
do, and I can do it and will."

Although Sam Patch could jump the
Genesee falls he was sober, he
could not do it when he felt the effects
of the brandy. Owing to this fact he
met his death when he took the jump.
When the thousands of silent and hor-
ror-stricken spectators saw Sam strike
the water, they did not see him come
to the surface. His descent was so un-
like his previous efforts, when he shot
like an arrow from a bow, that the
spectators were certain that he met his
death when he reached the water and
the jagged, piercing rocks beneath.

The spectators searched in vain for
the jumper. The torches of the search-
ers along the river bank and those of
the searchers who dragged the river in
boats lit up the river during the long
night hours. Amid the roar of the
cataract the sorrowing multitude shed
tears for the jolly good fellow who,
like many others, loved his bottle on
occasions.

Notwithstanding the rumors that
Sam Patch had been seen alive in
Rochester nothing was heard of him
until St. Patrick's day, when his body
was found in a cake of ice near the
mouth of the Genesee. His remains
were buried in the cemetery at Char-
lotte. Although it had been the ambi-
tion of his father to send him to the
sea, he met his death in the Genesee.
The feats of Sam Patch filled the news-
papers for weeks, and although such
poets as Mrs. Sigourney wrote poems
dedicated to his memory no monument
has been erected in commemoration of
his feats.

Indeed, the event produced a pro-
found impression upon the people of
those days. On the following Sunday
the preachers in Rochester and neigh-
boring towns could not say enough
against the evils of jumping. Some
even went as far as Josiah Bissell, who
told the pupils of the Third church
Sunday school that because they saw
the fatal leap they were accessories to
his death and were murderers in the
sight of God.—Rochester Herald.

Not Up on Stocks.

"Shakespeare may have thought he
knew it all when he said, 'There is a
tide in the affairs of men that, taken
at the flood, leads on to fortune,' but
he didn't know anything about the
stock market," growled the shorn lamb,
who had loaded up at the foot of the
prices, only to be wiped out at the
deep, low ebb.—New York Commercial
Advertiser.

Logical.
"What is a furrier, Tommy?" asked
the teacher of a pupil in the juvenile
class.

"A man who deals in furs," answered
Tommy.

"That's right," said the teacher.

"Now, Tommy, you may tell me what
a currier is."

"A man who deals in cures," was the
unexpected but logical reply.—Chicago
News.

The Coldest Country.

The coldest inhabited country ap-
pears to be the province of Wercho-
tanek, in oriental Siberia. A Russian
sawant passed one entire year in the
inhospitable region and kept a daily
record of the temperature, from which
it appears that the daily mean of the
entire year is 2.74 degrees below zero.

The first constitutional convention in
Ohio contained as delegates five men
who afterwards were elected governor
of the state and four who became United
States senators.

IN THE BABY'S EYES.

What is the dream in the baby's eyes
As he lies and blinks in a mute surprise,
With little we hands that aimlessly go
Hither and thither and to and fro?
With little, wee feet that shall lead him? God
knows.

But a prayer from my heart like a benison goes.
Bundle of helplessness, yonder he lies.
What is the dream in my baby's eyes?
What does he wonder and what does he know
That we have forgotten so long, long ago?
Bathed in the dawn light, what does he see
That shows him hidden from you and me?
Out of the yesterday seeth he yet
The things that in living he soon shall forget.
All that is hidden and the blue skies.
What is the dream in my baby's eyes?

Speak to me, little one, ere you forget
What is the thought that is lingering there yet.
Where is the land where the yesterdays meet,
Waiting and waiting the morrows to greet?
You see, funny bundle, who only will blink,
What do you wonder, and what do you think?
Bright as the moonlight asleep in the skies,
What is the dream in my baby's eyes?
—Tom Cordry in Minneapolis Messenger.

NEVER ATE FOREIGN MEAT.

It Couldn't Pay to Be Too Sure Until
One Knew All the Facts.

A certain Major Brownjohn, who
made it his boast that he never allowed
American or colonial meat to be served
at his table, recently visited an old
comrade in Liverpool. One night at
dinner a most delicious saddle of (ap-
parently) Welsh mutton appeared, to
which the major did ample justice.

"Ah," he observed, "I wish that my
butcher in London would send me stuff
like this meat, and yet he deals only in the
best British meat."

"Well," said his friend, "as a matter
of fact you have been eating New Zea-
land mutton. But it's only fair to say
that I get it from a friend who is a
large wholesale importer."

"By Jove, you don't say so!" ex-
claimed the guest. "I wish he'd tell
me where I can get the like in town."
"You'll find it at my home," said the
host. The visit was duly paid to
the meat monger, who smiled when he
heard the Londoner's eulogy and ex-
planation.

"Tell me," he returned after listening
to the epicure's remarks, "in what part
of London you reside, and I dare say I
can give you the address of a retail
butcher who will supply you with ex-
actly the same sort of mutton as that
which you like so much." The major
handed him his card.

"Ah," observed the importer, "there's
the very man within two streets of
your house. We supply him with all
his meat. Here's his address," he ad-
ded, handing a slip of paper to the seek-
er after succulent joints.

The major read, the major started,
the major frowned, the major, truth to
say, reviled vengeance, and no wonder,
for the address was that of his own
butcher, who dealt only in home pro-
duce.—London Sketch.

The Bottle at Ship Launches.

Down to Charles II's time it was cus-
tomary to name and baptize a ship af-
ter she was launched, sometimes a week
or two after. The old Tudor method
used for men-of-war was still in use.
Peppys' "Diary" shows that. The ship
was safely got afloat, after which some
high personage went on board with a
special silver "standing cup," or "daga-
gon" of wine, out of which he drank,
naming the ship and pouring a libation
on the quarter deck. The cup was then
generally given to the dockyard ship-
wright as a memento.

When did the present usage of nam-
ing and baptizing a ship before she is
sent afloat come in? I trace the last
explicit mention of the old method to
1664, when the Royal Katherine was
launched (see Peppys). The first men-
tion of smashing a bottle of wine on
the bows of an English man-of-war
that I have found is in a contemporary
newspaper cutting of May, 1780, de-
scribing the christening of H. M. S.
Magnanime at Dordrecht, but nothing is
hinted that it was then a new custom.
—Notes and Queries.

To Fly In Your Dreams.

There is a peculiarity about the flying
dream that seems to be constant. Of
all those whom I asked about the mat-
ter and who are conscious of the flying
dream at all not one has ever known
himself to take any high flights in his
dreams. One always flies low, with a
skimming manner, slightly, but only
slightly, above the heads of pedestrians.
And one's critical attitude in a dream
toward one's own performance is al-
ways interesting to note, both in re-
gard to this particular class of dream
and even more toward one of the other
classes. It is an attitude that is well
brought out in "Alice in Wonderland,"
where Alice is made to exclaim or to
think while she is falling, "How brave
they will all think it of me at home
not to mind a great fall like this!"—Long-
man's.

Caused a Slight Family Jar.

"Maria, did you read about that Phil-
adelphia woman who was cured of her
troubles by fasting 45 days?"
"Where Alice is made to exclaim or to
think while she is falling, "How brave
they will all think it of me at home
not to mind a great fall like this!"—Long-
man's."

A Sure System.

"I got back at the bookmakers all
right today."
"Win?"
"No; didn't bet."—Philadelphia North
American.

A Russian does not become of age
until he is 26.

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